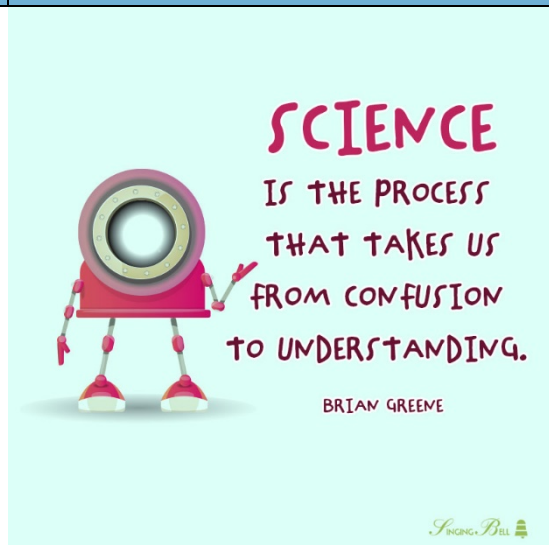


We have had a fantastic first full week back in school. It has been 'Science Week' for us here at St Michael's and so I have seen exciting Science opportunities happening wherever I go! Mrs Lea organised a wonderful week for the children and we are so grateful to all the visitors who supported us in making it such a memorable week. Upton Hall and Woodchurch High loaned us use of their incredible staff to lead workshops and lessons for the children. We had a Science consultant lead workshops too and we also had a visit from Mrs Lloyd's brother; he is a Geophysicist specialising in Palaeomagnetism who also came into work with the children. Today, Year 2 and Year 4 had a great treat when they got to go and trial the brand new 'Eureeka' Science and Discovery interactive experience in Seacombe. We were allowed a very special visit ahead of it being opened to the public. If you haven't already had a look at all the pictures on Twitter, take a look at all the great things that have gone on this week!



**CLUBS will start week next week and run until 17th March 2023.**

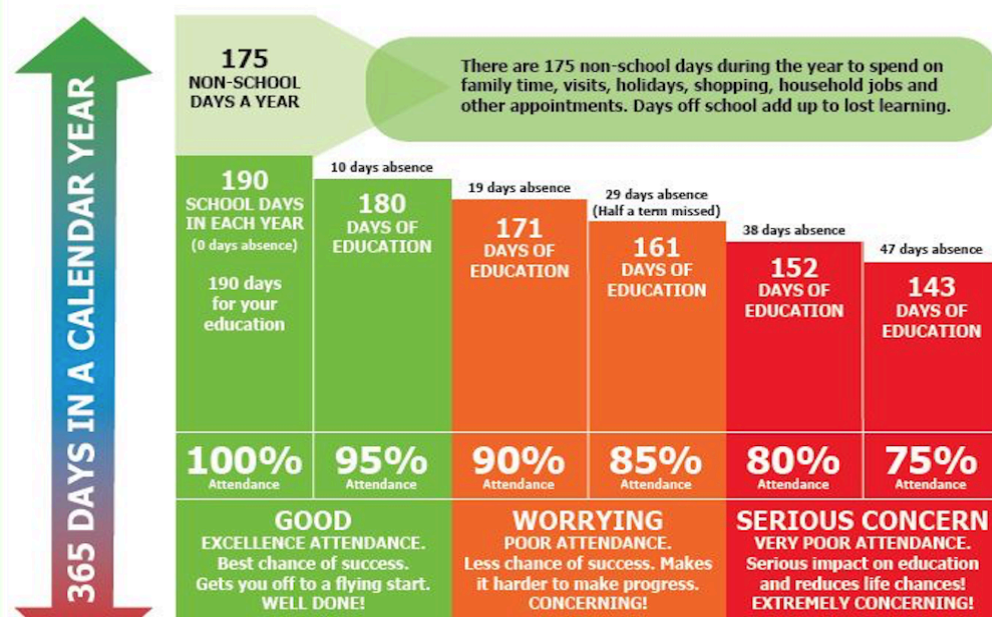
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Hi Impact workshops for Year 1 and Year 2**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – 3:30pm - First Holy Communion meeting for Year 3 parents and any older children who wish to make their First Holy Communion**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 2:50pm – Year 2 Class Assembly**

# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

**Don't miss out on the education you deserve.**



We are renewing our drive for EXCELLENT attendance this term. Having a day or a week off school has an enormous impact on children. Not only do they miss vital learning but socially and emotionally it can have a negative impact too. Children should attend school if they are well enough to do so. If a child has mild cold symptoms they should attend school. Children should stay at home if they have a high temperature. Once their temperature returns to normal they should attend school. In line with DFE guidelines holidays during term time **will not** be authorised.



# Our value for January is 'TOLERANCE'...

*'If we could look into each other's heart and understand the unique challenges each one of us face, I think we would treat each other much more gently, with more love, patience, tolerance and care.'* ~Marvin J. Ashton~

This month's new value is the value of tolerance. This value is about children recognising and respecting that they are all different and considering this when talking and dealing with each other. Thank you to Year 3 who have created our beautiful whole school values display. It has brightened up our Dining Room and reminds us all of the importance of being tolerant.



**In school this week.....** Foundation 2 had a wonderful Science workshop where they investigated bubbles to see if they are all round. They made various shaped bubble wands to test this idea.



Year 1 and Little Angels enjoyed a fantastic workshop from Miss Atkinson. They observed snails using magnifying glasses and completed an

investigation in groups.

Year 2 loved hearing about 'Naughty Nora' especially when she wet the kitchen floor! They helped Mrs Atkinson discover the best material to clear up the spill.

Year 3 enjoyed their visit from Dr Lloyd and a team of researchers. The children learnt all about the Earth's magnetic field and measuring magnetism in rocks.





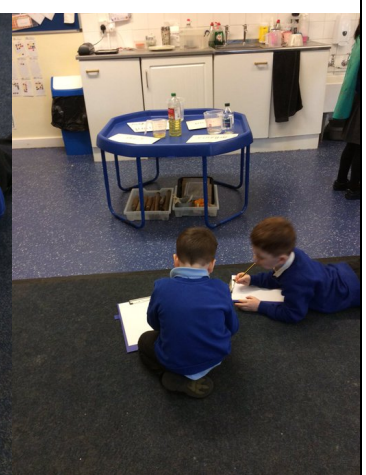
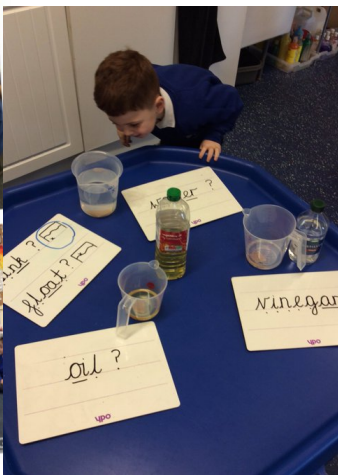


**Year 5 went to Woodchurch High for a Science lesson today as part of our Science week. They learnt how to work in a lab safely and how to filter, heat and evaporate a salt solution.**

**Year 6 and Year 4 had a fantastic afternoon measuring the 'real' speed of sounds as part of our Science week. Thank you Mrs Seed, Head of Physics at Upton Hall School for giving up your time and coming to work with us.**



**F2 have also been investigating what would happen to the Gingerbread Man if he went into the river. They found out that he sinks in water. They then observed what happens to gingerbread if it is put in different liquids and chose to try the liquids water, oil and vinegar.**



In Assembly this week, we listened to the story of 'Jesus' Baptism'. This is the point when Jesus makes a new start and begins his mission to the world.

This new year presents an opportunity for us to make a new start too. We can be sure that our efforts will always be rewarded when we take the time to make a new start with Jesus. Spending time with him, through prayer, helps us become the best we can be.



**Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph**